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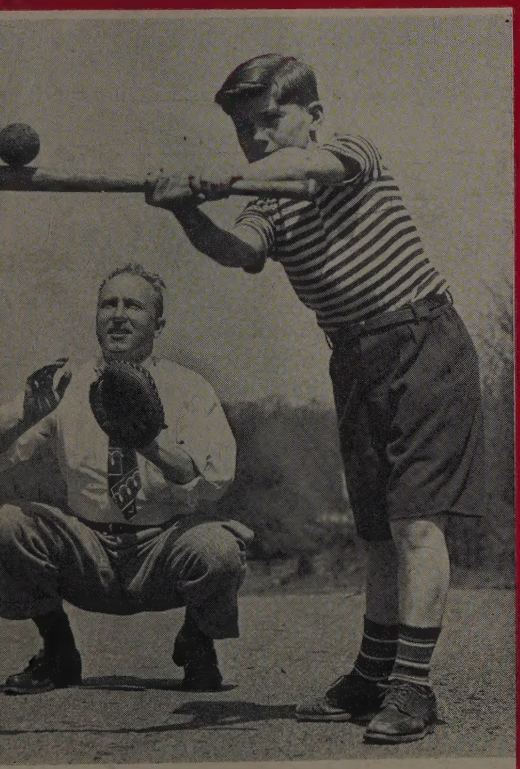

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Our Cover Picture

Dad has the right idea! Nothing like a game of baseball with the boys to gain their confidence — and to discover muscles and joints he did not remember that he had. If he needs a rub down with some horse-liniment the next day, it is all in a good cause. How well we remember one father with almost a nine of boys in his own family. He always found time to play or hike with them. When the scoutmaster got married, he went right in and learned scouting from the first knot to the last. Well, one of those sons is now in the seminary preparing to be a Lutheran pastor. All his boys are making more than good. What investment can a man make that will bring him the dividends that time spent with boys will earn? Besides he will not grow old before his time.

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The Editor's Personal Paragraphs . . .

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United States and Canada both celebrate birthdays this month. There is no place on earth where there is so much freedom as in these neighbor nations. We gripe a bit, now and then, because of high taxes or seeming restrictions on individual liberties. We must learn that there is no freedom without responsibility. Liberty without responsibility is anarchy. Our rights are only preserved when our neighbor's rights are safeguarded. Christianity insists that we must love our neighbor as ourself. Love is the fulfillment of the law.

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Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
—Whittier

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In the "help wanted" columns of a paper in Leslie, Mich., this week appeared the words: "Wanted: Men, women, and children to sit in slightly used pews Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. Leslie Methodist Church."

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DP
doctors have difficulty in most states to secure a license to practice. It is too bad considering the great shortage of physicians in many parts of the nation. South Dakota is leading the way in making it as easy as possible for qualified DP doctors to practice there.

Youth: The first fifty years of your life; the first twenty of anyone else's.

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"Work-week"
is what they call it in Indiana. The synod is building a new summer camp, Lutherwald. About the middle of June, Brotherhood men were invited to spend a week, more or less, at the camp, putting it in shape for use this summer. Rev. Virgil L. Yohe was the bossman for the gang. Along with lame backs and blisters, the men had a grand time and saved the synod considerable financial outlay.

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Buffum—"What do they mean when they speak of 'darkness that can be felt'?"

Scuffum—"I'm not sure, but I think it's the same as 'black as your hat'."

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Live-wire
Bill Kedde is still thinking, talking and working Brotherhood in Nebraska and surrounding territory. Recently he called attention to the election of a Lutheran (ULCA) as mayor of Council Bluffs, Mr. Einer Juel. Other Lutheran officials in that area are Mr. Carl Jensen (ELC), commissioner of finance for Omaha, and Mr. Carl Olsen, (ULCA) mayor of Fremont. Of course, Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska is also a Lutheran, active member of Grace Church, Lincoln. Minnesota and North Dakota also have Lutheran governors. Bill is the sparkplug for

inter-synodical Lutheran rallies for the men of the mid-west. He writes "We still have very fine rallies twice a year with good attendance."

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If a man does not remove his hat when a pretty girl is in the elevator he must be very bald.

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Our Lutheran Publication House has published two little text books that should be brought to the attention of our Lutheran men. "God's Master Builders" by Nolde and Hoh is intended for leadership class use, but would be a real aid for anyone who leads a group or teaches a class. It is a revision of a former text with the same title and by the same authors. "The Church in the World Today" is an elective text for young people or adults. It is by Steward W. Herman who has spent most of his time in Europe since the beginning of World War II. He was pastor of the American Church in Berlin and came home with the last diplomats to leave. Since that time he has represented the National Lutheran Council and World Council of Churches in various relief programs. He is now head of the Department for Service to Refugees of the Lutheran World Federation. It is good reading as well as a good text for study. Dr. Arthur Getz is the editor of both books.

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Safety Poem: At railroad crossings, here's how to figger: In case of a tie, the engine's bigger.—Parade

The number of married students in our seminaries calls for a readjustment of our thinking and of our seminary programs. It was only a few years ago when synodical committees in charge of students for the ministry were insisting that they wait till graduation for marriage. Some young men were refused further aid because they had married without consent of the committee. It was probably the number of married G.I. students for the ministry that led to a general change in attitude. It has also been discovered in some cases that marriage has not lowered scholarship standing, but raised it. These young wives do their share in support of the family and many times spur the educational ambition of their husbands. The young couple learns what real sacrifice is required and if they are of the right stuff, make a go of it. One thing the church should do for them is to provide apartments. Some of our seminaries have already succeeded in securing accommodations. Any of our seminaries would welcome the gift of an apartment house by some benevolent churchman. Meetings of student's wives are held by all our seminaries where common problems of the parsonage are considered. It is a new deal and old formulas will not do.

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"And what is your reason for wishing to marry my daughter?" asked the father.

Puzzled, the young man scratched his head, pondered a second, then answered, "I have no reason. I'm in love."—Christian Union Herald.

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utheran theological students from 9 states, the District of Columbia, nd three foreign countries attend- d a two-day seminar in Washing- on, D.C. on "Church-State Rela- ons," April 3 - 4, according to a re- ort from N.L.C. News Bureau.

Students were from eight semin- ries and one college representing x branches of the Lutheran hurch, and from two secular uni- ersities. The seminar was sponsor- d by the Division of Public Rela- ons of the National Lutheran ouncil and the Department of Pub- c Relations of the Lutheran hurch — Missouri Synod.

Highlighting the conference were isits to the State Department and o the House and Senate galleries, a uncheon attended by Lutheran ongressmen at which Dr. Paul C. mpie, executive director of the ational Lutheran Council, spoke n the situation in Germany, attend- nce at a live broadcast from the Voice of America" studios, and a anel discussion on "Labor-Man- gement Relations and the Church" y representatives of the CIO, the FL, the U.S. Chamber of Com- erce, and the American Trucking ssociation. Other topics of discus- ion were "The Church and Legis- ation," "The Implications of the ydrogen Bomb," and "National Se- urity and Individual Freedom."

International differences were orgotten as a student from France hared a room with one from Ger- any. The foreign students were: Faud Nucho, an Arab from Palestine; Marc-Andre Wolff and Robert Brecheisen from France; and Rev. Hermann Pleus, Harold Bertheau, and Franz von Hammerstein from Germany.

The seminaries represented were: Augustana (AugLC), Capital (ALC), Concordia (MoS), Gettysburg (ULCA), Suomi (FS), Philadelphia (ULCA), and Trinity (UELC). Pre-theological students were present from Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville (MoS) and from Yale University. Two Lutherans and four Methodists from Yale Divinity School attended the seminar. One of the German students is attending Howard University.

Students attending the seminar passed a resolution urging that a similar conference for Lutheran seminary students be held annually.

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The pupils were asked to construct a sentence containing the word "amphibious." The son of a fisherman gave the following: "Most fish stories am fibious."—Watchman-Examiner.

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Wilbert W. Miller

is the new West Virginia synodical Brotherhood director for Lutheran Men. Here are two paragraphs from his first message:

"The experience of all organizations whether they be religious, political, social, business or military shows that their strength is increased as their membership is informed. When the men of your Brotherhood read LUTHERAN MEN, you will find that their knowledge of the Church is increased, their

interest in the Church is aroused, their loyalty to their Church is strengthened, their service to their Church is multiplied, their cooperation in Brotherhood work is unreserved and they become better men and better Christians.

"We cannot afford to pass up this strong arm of assistance in our Brotherhood work. Your national headquarters has adopted as its goal 'Every Lutheran Man Reading "LUTHERAN MEN'. To carry this down to the firing line in each local Brotherhood, each president is asked to appoint a capable representative from his organization and report his name and address immediately to Wilbert W. Miller, 888 National Road, Wheeling, West Virginia."

(Success to you Brother Miller!)

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Someone not too complimentary to the fair sex had said: "Women's styles have changed, but their designs are the same."

—Christian Observer

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Exchange

of visits between Brotherhoods of neighboring churches is a splendid tonic for our organizations. Such visits have been held this year between Fifth and Auburn Lutheran Churches of Springfied. By the way, Auburn men meet Sundays as a Sunday School Class, good integration for men's work in any church. In addition to the promotional value for the Brotherhood, joint meetings help to lift the men out of narrow parochial limits. Why not plan for an invitation to some neighboring Brotherhood?

Peebles—"You say your wife won't dar your socks?"

Jeebles—"No—she's been demanding a fu coat, and now she says if I don't give a wrap she don't give a darn."

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Colombia, S.A.

has been the scene of Roman Catholic persecution of Protestant missionaries. Little publicity finds it way into our American press about this modern persecution. From the N.L.C. News Bureau comes the following report of outrages upon our own Lutheran missionaries:

Missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran church will remain in Colombia in spite of religious persecution and political uncertainty it was reported here by Dr. Rolf A. Syrdal, mission secretary of the ELC after his return from a trip to that country to confer with missionaries.

At present mission work is restricted almost entirely to the capital city of Bogota because of continued unrest in outlying provinces, Dr. Syrdal said. Protestant chapels have been destroyed by mobs under the direction of police or local church authorities. Personal property of missionaries has been looted. Native Colombian Protestants have been severely persecuted and many have been forced to flee from their homes to live in caves or forests.

Dr. Syrdal learned from Colombian sources that efforts are being made to set up a secret police system similar to that of Spain. If this succeeds, proponets of democracy

nd religious liberty in Colombia el their cause will be crushed. Co-mbians claim that 25,000 people ave been killed because of the un-st prevailing since the election st November.

If the present regime continues in ower, missionaries fear a dictator-hip will result which will force essation of all Protestant mission ork. The ruling Conservative arty has threatened to confiscate l Protestant mission property.

Nevertheless all missionaries are etermined to continue their work, r. Syrdal said. They have rented roperty in Bogota and conduct gular services and Bible classes in eir Bible school and in homes of otestants. They are able to main-in contacts with refugees from tlying mission stations in addition carrying on evangelization and aching.

Only two of the 17 missionaries n the ELC field are working out-de of Bogota now, Dr. Syrdal said. elen Danielson, a representative of e United Evangelical Lutheran urch, is at a station in the moun-in area of Boyaca although threats ave been made to burn the chapel ere.

The Rev. Gerhard Ostrem is work-g in the plains regions of Boyaca. e was forced to close his chapel it has been traveling from town to wn carrying on his work.

All Protestant missions are in the me situation. Dr. Syrdal said, as e persecution is general through-it the country. Comparative safe-ty for mission work is found only in the few large cities of the country.

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BROADCASTER

John W. Rilling,

Pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be the speaker on the "Sunday Vespers" program, heard every Sunday during the summer months over the American Broadcasting Company from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m., E.S.T.

The programs will originate from the church and the music will be provided by the St. John's Choir under the direction of Mrs. Byron M. Smith, Director of Music for St. John's Church.

The summer series featuring Dr. Rilling replaces Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell of New York who is usually heard in "National Vespers" at this time.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.
—Information

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Publicize missions.

That is the plea of a young friend of mine. He is trained for publicity work with a master's degree in journalism. As he sees the condition of our world, he believes that the only hope is Christ. Therefore he feels that foreign missions should be a front page concern. The fact is that our newspapers are giving vastly more space to church news than ever before. There is still need for much more emphasis on the steps being taken for the evangelization of the world. Those with writing skills would make a grand investment of their God-given talents if they would publicize missions.

"Grandpa, were you in the ark?" asked the little boy of his visiting progenitor.

"No."

"Then why weren't you drowned?" was the second question.—Harry McCormick

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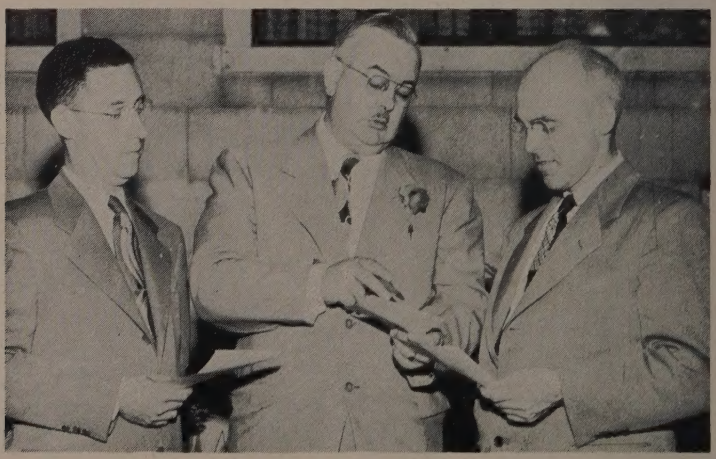
When

will the new hymn-book be published? This question is a practical one for many churches where the common service books are giving out. What will the new hymnal be like? The answers have been given so far as it is possible through series of articles appearing in **The Lutheran** and other church papers. We may be sure that the new setting of the liturgy will be different. So will be many hymn tunes. How are we going to react to change? Many will be loudly critical. More will reserve judgment until the new book



AT ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Leaders of the Allegheny Conference Brotherhood, left to right, Clarence F. Pyle, president; Ralph J. Wohlsen, president of the ULCA Brotherhood; Earl Edmund Manges, president, Central Pennsylvania Synodical Brotherhood. Over 200 men attended this meeting. President Wohlsen was guest speaker.

has been used for a year or longer. It will take time and patience. It will take very careful briefing in the new music. We may be sure that every effort will be made to prepare the church for its reception. Prejudices must not be confused with legitimate criticisms. It will be a grand experience of Lutheran unity when the book finds its way into most of our general church bodies.

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Executive—Miss Hawkins, I thought you understood the King's English?

Typist—Of course, I do! He wouldn't be using if he wasn't!—Builders.

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Central Conference (N.Y.) Brotherhood

On May 13, 1950, the Central Conference Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York held its 9th Annual Convention at St. Paul's Church, Oswego, N.Y. Seventeen churches in 9 communities were represented by 13 ministers and 114 laymen, these delegations were from Syracuse, North Syracuse, Liverpool, Oswego, Utica, Verona, Endicott, Johnson City, and Norwich.

Following a Vesper Worship Service conducted by the Rev. Arthur W. Hergenhan, Pastor of the host church, Arthur F. Paschke, Vice President for the Oswego district, delivered a brief welcoming address, and President Hans Treuenfels of the Synodical Brotherhood, brought greetings from Synod.

Dorsey E. Kamp, President of Central Conference Brotherhood, presided at the business session during which the following slate of officers was unanimously elected to serve for the year 1950-51: President, Claude H. Zoeckler, Utica; 1st Vice President, Arthur F Paschke, Oswego; 2nd Vice President, Russell L. Hertel, Endicott; 3rd Vice President, Ray H. Allen, Utica; Secretary, Otto Mestler, Utica; Treasurer, Harold M. Holcomb, Liverpool.

The banquet was served by the ladies of the host church.

Dr. Charles W. Kegley, Professor of Philosophy at Wagner College, Staten Island, and Dr. H. Claude Hardy, Special Assistant to the President at Hartwick College, Oneonta, were the speakers of the evening.

They emphasized the importance of Christian education which had led mankind out of the dark ages, and is of equally vital need today. They urged generous financial support of the educational institutions sponsored by our Church, for their continuance of teaching Christian ethics in every field to the leaders of the next generation.

Otto Mestler,
Chairman of Publicity

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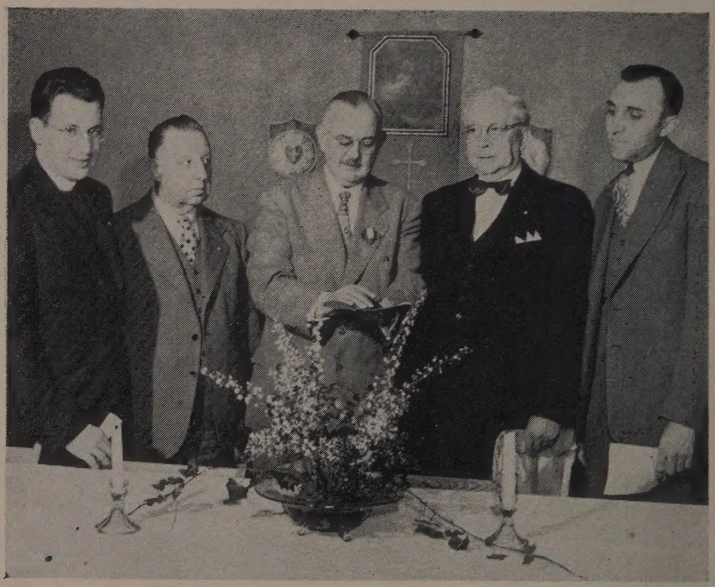
Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only be deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the face, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-interest, fear, despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

—Watterson Lowe.

Dr. J. A. Dell's column in **Lutheran Standard** is always interesting reading. Here is a paragraph from a recent issue:

An Episcopal bishop in Oregon thinks that we should have a mid-week "Sabbath" for the benefit of people who want to do something else on Sunday. "There's always some seasonal attraction," Bishop Dagwell says. "Right now it's the ski season. Soon it will fishing, then duck or deer hunting. All summer there are week ends at the beach or mountains." The bishop thinks that if the churches can unite on a mid-week date, they should insist that no counter attractions be scheduled for that night. — Do you suppose that, when all these good Christians get to heaven, they will want to use the week ends for trips to the country?



LANCASTER CONFERENCE BANQUET SPEAKERS

The Annual Convention Banquet of the Lancaster Conference Brotherhood was held in Christ Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown, Pa., on May 3, 1950. The principal address was given by President Ralph J. Wohlsen (center). Greetings were brought by (pictured left to right) Rev. Raymond L. Fetter, pastor of host church; Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary, ULCA Brotherhood; Edward Schotzberger, President, Ministerium of Penna. Synodical Brotherhood; and Jacob B. Kreider, President, Lancaster Conference Brotherhood.

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Presidential Message

Dear Brothers:

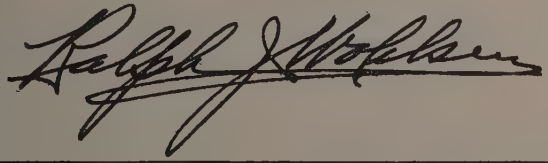
By the time you get this issue of LUTHERAN MEN my term of office as your president will be nearing its end.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you in this important work of our Church for our Lord and Saviour. I have enjoyed a constantly increased spirit of unity from both the officers and the membership church-wide. This spirit has been reflected in the Whole Program of the Whole Church through the activation of the Brotherhood in Evangelism, Lutheran World Action and, most recently, in the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal. I sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

Another convention nears—I ask that you pay special attention to the notice of that convention elsewhere in this issue, and make every effort to have one man from each congregational brotherhood attend that meeting and to actively participate in the business of the organization—It is YOUR Brotherhood ,and this is YOUR business.

Be seeing you at Cedar Rapids personally.

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,



The Executive Secretary's MONTHLY MESSAGE

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER,
Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna.

Brotherhood Days in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Our 17th Biennial Convention is only ninety days away and the Cedar Rapids committees have completed their plans for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors. There are very few occasions in our church life that surpass the "grand and glorious" feeling when "good fellows get together" at our biennial conventions.

We expect this will be the best attended and most profitable convention in our history. The local committee, under the aggressive leadership of Mr. Rodney C. Berger, president of the Iowa Synodical Brotherhood, has been working for months

in preparing for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and visitors who will come to Cedar Rapids next fall. The Cedar Rapids housing committee will provide ample accommodations, and a room registration blank will be mailed to each brotherhood by July 1st.

What a thrill it is to greet our old friends, and meet the new delegates and visitors from Canada and all of the synods in the U.S.A. The outpouring of Lutheranism at the convention will help us to appreciate the potential strength of a united Lutheran manpower, and the problems that appear too big for our local organizations, will be solved in a great gathering of delegates such as we still have in Cedar Rapids.

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Convention Headquarters

The Convention headquarters will be located in the Hotel Montrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A meeting of the Synodical and Conference Boy Scout Directors and Committeemen will be held on Saturday, September 30th. The opening convention service on Sunday evening, October 1st, will be held in the First Lutheran Church, Rev. H. G. Schwegler, pastor. The Fellowship banquet is scheduled for Monday evening, October 2nd, in the ballroom of the Hotel Montrose. The Boy Scout meeting and Convention sessions will all be held in the Convention hotel, with the business sessions opening on Monday morning, October 2nd, and continuing throughou Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd.

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Advance—O Church of God!

After careful consideration the Program Committee has selected the following theme for the Convention: **"Advance — O Church of God! —** (Supporting the Church's Program through Worship — Service — Boy's Work)". The scriptural basis for the theme is found in Zechariah 4:6 — ". . . . . not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

With this timely theme as the basis for the Convention reports and addresses we can be assured of an interesting and profitable meeting.

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Delegates—Register Now!

Each Congregational and Synodical Brotherhood is urged to elect and send its full quota of delegates. A quantity of official registration blanks were mailed to each Synodical Brotherhood President on April 10th. These blanks should be returned, with the required registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate, to Brotherhood Headquarters, Market & New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna., **on or before September 1, 1950,** which is the closing date for accrediting delegates. In order to avoid any misunderstanding and possible disappointment we are repeating the following notice for your information:

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Seventeenth Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The dates for the meeting are October 1-3, 1950.

This will be a delegated convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. The following regulations will govern the election of official Synodical and Congregational delegates:

A. Only those Congregational Brotherhoods which have paid their 1949 or 1950 ULCA membership dues not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood Convention shall be entitled to send delegates.

B. A registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate shall accompany the Synodical and Congregational delegate registration blanks to Brotherhood Headquarters.

The following changes in the ULCA Brotherhood Constitution and By-Laws were approved at the Erie Convention in 1946 and will now become an item of business at the 1950 Biennial Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 1-3, 1950:

(ADD) **Article VIII—Amendments**

"This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular convention, provided notice of such amendment shall have been given in writing to the Executive Committee, and same be published in the official periodical of the Brotherhood at least three (3) months prior to the Convention at which same may be voted upon, the same shall have been approved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America."

(DELETE) **Section VI—Dues**

"ITEM 3. Each Synodical Brotherhood shall pay to the Treasurer of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America, annual dues determined by the number of Brotherhoods or Men's Organizations in the Synod, the sum of Fifty Cents (50¢) for each active Congregational Brotherhood affiliated."

Maryland Pays Deficit

We extend our sincere thanks and hearty congratulations to the Maryland Synodical Brotherhood for their achievement in meeting their Deficit quota of $1500.00. The check for the balance remaining on their quota was received on June 6th. The success of the Maryland brothers leaves no doubt that perseverance and faith will bring the desired results.

The Iowa and Ministerium of Pennsylvania Synodical Brotherhoods paid their Deficit quotas sometime ago. If the other Synodical Brotherhoods will make a sincere effort, they can also be included in the honored group of Brothers whose loyalty and devotion have ushered in a new era of financial stability for the ULCA Brotherhood.

NEWS AND VIEWS

MARYLAND BROTHERS!

This group of officers was elected at the 30th Annual Convention of the Maryland Synodical Brotherhood on May 20th at Gettysburg Seminary. Pictured left to right: front row, Fred J. Sendelbach, 2nd Vice Pres., Baltimore; Robert C. Hamer, Secretary, Washington, D.C.; Fred W. Konemann, President, Silver Spring, Md.; Harold L. Pilert, 1st Vice Pres., Baltimore; John L. Shaw, Treasurer, Frederick, Md., middle row, V. Kemp Wilkes, Hagerstown, Md. and Raymond Geddes, Baltimore, members, Executive Committee; Rev. Fred J. Eckert, pastoral advisor, Baltimore; Alfred P. Rasch and Martin A. McGrory, Washington, D.C., members, Executive Committtee. back row, Merle S. Ohler and Merwyn C. Fuss, Taneytown, Md. and George A. Bowlus, Middletown, Md., members, Executive Committee.

President's Report to the Convention of the Brotherhood of the Michigan Synod

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ann Arbor, May 7, 1950

Greetings to the men of the Michigan Synod of our ULCA and to our visitors and guests. Interest in the Brotherhood is at a new high. Dormant Brotherhoods are becoming revitalized, new Brotherhoods and Men's Groups are being formed. Progress during the calendar year 1949 is given in my report to Synod. This report merely brings the pic-

ture up to date to the time of our fourteenth annual convention.

Men are on the move everywhere. During the past four months it has been my privilege to meet with officers and men of The Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Laymen's League of the Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Detroit, an inter-Lutheran body of business men. In addition I have met with officers of Baptist, Congregational, Evangelical and Reformed, Methodist and Presbyterian laymen's organizations. These contacts have brought me to a greater realization of the strength, vitality and high regard of our own ULCA Brotherhood.

During the past six months I have visited every one of our active Brotherhoods and some men's groups not yet affiliated with us. Rudy Fahncke, our president-elect, has accompanied me in some of these visits. Three things call for comment:

1. Congregational Brotherhoods are much too modest in calling on State officers.

2. They appreciate the visit of Brotherhood officers.

3. They would like the Synodical Brotherhood to help them more concretely.

The Brotherhood of the Michigan Synod of the ULCA rejoices in the organization of Oak Park mission, which is to take place May 21, 1950. We have a real opportunity for a home missions program under "White's Recommendation" on page 35 of the 1948 Minutes of the Michigan Synod.

Organization of the Western Conference of the Brotherhood promises to become a reality during the coming year. Jackson is re-organizing May 25, 1950. In this connection, a Brotherhood retreat at Gun Lake is recommended for this summer.

The program included, Rev. Walter Brandt, pastor of Trinity, Ann Arbor; Mr. Russel Warren, representing Trinity Brotherhood; Mr John R. Weaver, Associate Stewardship Secretary of the ULCA; Rev. Vernon E. Kotter, President of Synod; Rev. L. F. Gunderman; Dr. Earl J. Spaid, Missionary Superintendent of Synod; Mr. Rudolph Fahncke, new president of the Michigan Brotherhood; Mr. Walter Fleming, president of Lutheran Luncheon Club; Mr. Charles Kimber, president of Detroit Brotherhoods (A.L.C.); Mr. Walter Haessler, president Michigan District Laymen's League (Mo. Synod); Mr. Louis Komjathy, President of Presbyterian Brotherhood of Michigan; Rev. Frank P. Madsen, pastor of Hope Church, Detroit. The banquet address was by Dr. Henry O. Yoder, president Eastern Conference, Michigan Synod.

Albert Moellmann, president

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Arise, sad heart; if thou dost not withstand,
Christ's resurrection thine may be;
Do not by hanging down break from the hand
Which, as it riseth, raiseth thee: Arise, arise,
And with His burial clothes dry thine eyes.
Christ left his grave clothes, that we might when grief
Draws tears or blood, not want a handkerchief.

—George Herbert, The Christian Index.

SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD REPORTS

New England Conference

The Annual Spring Convention of the New England Conference Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York was held on April 30th in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Naugatuck, Connecticut, with President John Tiedmann, Hamden, Connecticut, presiding. Greetings were received from Mr. Ralph J. Wohlsen, President, ULCA Brotherhood, Mr. Hans P. Treuenfels, President of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, and Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary, ULCA Brotherhood.

Brother Herman Gritz, treasurer, presented his report for the year, which showed a total of $658.32 had been received for the Synodical and ULCA Brotherhoods.

St. Mark's Brotherhood, Roxbury, Massachusetts, was received as a member of the Conference organization.

The following officers were re-elected: President, John Tiedmann, Hamden, Conn., Vice President, Frank Dubatz, Bridgeport, Conn., Secretary, Elwood C. Pieper, New Haven, Conn., Treasurer, Herman Gritz, Meriden, Conn., Chaplain, Rev. Herbert D. Hrdlicka, Bridgeport, Conn.

William R. Pohl, Jr., president, Immanuel Lutheran Brotherhood, Naugatuck, presided at the evening banquet session, which was held in the Odd Fellows Hall. After group singing and the dinner, the Rev. H. E. Sutterlin, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Torrington, Conn., was introduced as the toastmaster.

Brother E. C. Pieper, secretary of the Conference Brotherhood, presented the attendance banner to St. Mark's Brotherhood, Roxbury, Massachusetts, and the Wohlsen plaque was presented to First Lutheran Brotherhood, Bridgeport, Conn.

Greetings were brought by the Rev. Albert P. Shilke, President of the New England Conference.

John Tiedmann, president of the Conference Brotherhood, Hans P. Treuenfels, President of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, Ralph J. Wohlsen, President, ULCA Brotherhood, and Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary, ULCA Brotherhood, also spoke briefly.

The address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Richard C. Wolf, Ph.D., professor of Church History, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

Texas

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of the Texas Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America was held April 22-23, 1950, at Grace Church, Houston, Texas, Rev. Nathaniel Kern, Pastor. The Convention theme was "WE MUST DELIVER."

The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. D. I. Dolton of Garden Oaks, Houston, and the Convention was officially opened on April 22nd at 10:45 a.m. by the president,

other Arthur Koehler of Cuero. A port of the registration committee vealed a total of 56 delegates, 26 sitors and 6 pastors in attendance. Guests introduced were Rev. Wag- r of Harlingen and Dr. L. P. Speak- of Austin. Dr. Speaker congratu- ted the Brotherhood for the sup- rt of the Mission Project and re- rred to it as the "Strong Arm" of e church and the Synod. He re- rted on the mission work that was ing done in Texas at this time and ported that Rev. Walberg would in Corpus Christi by June 1, 1950. Congratulatory messages were ad from President Ralph J. Wohl- n of the National Brotherhood, rs. C. H. Warner, President of the omen's Missionary Society, and r. C. H. Warner of the Lutheran elfare Society.

Ander-Schroeder-Kilgore parishes, rmerly having been separate units, ere united into one large brother- od during the past year and for- ally made application for member- ip into the Texas Synodical Broth- hood. It was moved by Brother e Pannen of Cuero and seconded Brother Schramm of Shiner that is brotherhood be accepted. Mo- n carried.

Brother Steinman of Austin made a tion to let the Chairman of the mmittee on Evangelism carry the onsorship of selling Lutheran ma- zines. This motion was seconded Brother Vogt of Victoria and rried.

There being a written invitation m Corpus Christi signed by Vic- tor Brookover and an oral invitation from Victoria to be hosts to the 1951 convention, it was decided to vote at the time and decide where the majority would like to meet next year. A secret ballot was cast with a 42 to 11 vote in favor of Victoria.

One hundred twenty two guests attended the Brotherhood banquet on Saturday night, with W. L. Zirjacks, Trinity, Victoria, as toastmaster. The invocation was given by Pastor N. H. Kern, Grace, Houston. The address of welcome was made by P. L. Wahlberg, Grace, Houston, and response given by Victor P. Brookover, St. Mark's, Corpus Christi. There were songs by Messrs. Neimeyer and Boulmay of Grace, Houston and magic fun by Harry Bromley of Calvary, Houston (Augustana). After a square dance exhibition there was an address by Pastor L. H. de Freese of Redeemer Church, Houston, and a vocal solo by Marion I. Boulmay of Grace Church, Houston. The closing prayer was offered by Wm. Gerum of United Dr. Martin Luther Church, Shiner.

Dr. W. R. Towery, Secretary
Texas Synod Brotherhood

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The Brotherhood Sunday service was held April 23, 1950, at 9:45 a.m. An adult Sunday School Class was conducted under the direction of Brother P. L. Wahlberg. At this service Rev. N. H. Kern was liturgist and Rev. C. F. Schneider delivered the sermon.

The Sunday afternoon session was opened at 1:30 with Pastor Dolton,

PRO DEO ET PATRIA AWARD PRESENTED TO MARYLAND SCOUT

This award was presented at a recognition service held in connection with the Annu Convention of the Maryland Synod Brotherhood at Gettysburg Seminary on May 20- Pictured, left to right, are: John W. Haifley, Scoutmaster, Troop 391; Donald Seib Star Scout, Troop 391; Douglas MacIntosh, Executive, Carroll-Ranger Districts, Baltimc Area Council, B.S.A.; Rev. F. R. Seibel, St. Mary's, Silver Run, Md.; Earle W. Bad Exec. Secy., ULCA Brotherhood; and Rev. Fred Eckert, Augsburg, Baltimore, pasto advisor, Maryland Synodical Brotherhood.

organist, and Conrad Broden, Harlingen, conducting the devotionals.

A motion was made by Brother H. J. Pfluger of Harlingen that the morning church offering of $44.63 be turned over to the Garden Oaks Mission in Houston. This motion was seconded by Brother H. N. Henneke of Cuero and carried.

A general discussion was held and some valuable information was presented by the various reports, one in particular—the rejection of sending an ambassador to the Vatican. Brother Kermit Voelkel of Austin motioned that the President of the Brotherhood write a letter of rejection to the Secretary of State and that as many as possible write to their congressmen. This motion was seconded by Brother E. L. Bluhm of San Antonio and motion carried.

The following officers were elected during the second business session and installed by Rev. Schneider: President, Arthur Koehler, Cuero; Vice President, G. J. Beckers, Houston; Secretary, W. F. Kautz, Cuero; Treasurer, E. C. Vogt, Victoria; Committeeman (3 years), Vastine Gebert, Swiss Alp.

W. F. Kautz, Acting Secretary,
Texas Synod Brotherhood

New York

The 20th Annual Convention the Brotherhood of the United Lu eran Synod of New York, under President, Hans P. Treuenf crowded a full measure of most portant business into one meeti The meeting was held on May 2 in Grace-St. Paul's Lutheran Chur New York City. After long and ca ful preparation and detailed disc sion, a completely rewritten con tution was unanimously adopt thus giving the Synodical Broth hood the organizational strength step forward to wider and more tensified work as an Auxiliary the church.

Among the many recommen tions and resolutions adopted v one in support of the ULCA Broth hood and its convention at Ced Rapids. Great emphasis was also g en to the importance of boy sc work with a special order and a solution requesting increased int est and pledging even more acti support.

New vistas were opened by a d cision to financially support the co fidential (emergency) fund of t President of Synod and to establi scholarships for students for the mi istry.

Special thought was given

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SCOUT DONALD SEIBEL RECEIVES PRO DEO ET PATRIA AWARD

he Brotherhood In Action . . . . .

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nergize–

) **Stimulate the practice of Stewardship of time, talents, and money.**

he Scripture plainly teaches that l is the owner of everything. He ne Creator and we are merely His vards or caretakers. To us is entrusted all that we have.

"Christian Stewardship is the practice of the Christian Religion." To live in harmony with God's will, our time, and talents and tithes must be given for His glory. Our gratitude to God for His goodness calls for participation in the work of His church. This seventh objective of

the Brotherhood suggests that men consecrate their possessions to the service of God. What can the Brotherhood do to promote better stewardship among the men? Here are some suggestions:

1. Appoint a Stewardship Committee to promote this objective.

2. The committee should first study the subject. Many books are available. Write to the Stewardship Department of the U.L.C.A., 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N.Y. for literature. Much of it is free.

3. Have a stewardship literature table at appropriate times. Provide free leaflets and take orders for stewardship books on display.

4. Set apart the month of November as Stewardship month. The organizations and the Pastor in his sermons can emphasize the subject.

5. Conduct Stewardship study classes, led by the Pastor or a capable and consecrated layman. A list of books can be obtained from the Stewardship Department of the U.L.C.A.

6. Deepen the spiritual life of the congregation. Spiritual dynamics come before spiritual mechanics.

7. Begin a circulation stewardship library. The Brotherhood could purchase such books and systematically give members of the congregation an opportunity to read them.

8. Let the Stewardship Committee occasionally read a good Stewardship story at the Brotherhood Meeting.

9. Have a "round table" discussion. Let everyone ask questions a express opinions after someone p sented the subject.

10. Excellent Stewardship pla are valuable. Young People, if a ed, will be glad to prepare and p sent such plays.

11. Seek help and use all ass tance offered by the Synodical, Co ference, District and Brotherho Stewardship Committees.

12. Make use of all Stewardsh motion pictures and film strips.

13. The Brotherhood Stewardsh Committee could assist in findi Sunday School teachers, choir me bers, etc.

14. Help to conduct the Eve Member Visitation annually.

15. Give men something to do the church. They often give no ti and talent because they are not a ed.

16. Have an evening of "tithi experiences." Ask some influent and neighboring layman to tell wh it means to give at least one tenth his income to the Lord.

17. Explain the needs and the o portunities for service at home a abroad.

18. Occasionally have a missio ary speak to the congregation or organizations.

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"Where have you been the last th hours?" demanded the minister's wife, so what annoyed.

"I met Mrs. Black on the street and as how her married daughter was getting alon sighed the weary pastor, "so she told me.

—Biblical Recor

LUTHERAN BOY SCOUTS

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Lutheran Scouting Committee

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting was held on May 11th at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. W. F. Weiherman, Chicago, Illinois, Director of the Missouri Synod Youth Camp, presided at the meeting which was attended by representatives from eight Lutheran bodies. The ULCA representatives at the meeting were Grover Erdmier, Freeport, Ill., vice president of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods; Alfred Arnesen, Sr., Chicago, Ill., member of the Executive Committee, ULCA Brotherhood; and Earle W. Bader, Bethlehem, Penna., Director of the ULCA Boy Scout Committee.

The following actions by the Committee are reported for your information:

Lutheran Service at Scout Jamboree. The Committee will sponsor a separate service for Lutheran Scouts at the National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Penna., from June 30th to July 6th. Rev. Frans Victorsen, Des Moines, Iowa, will serve as the Lutheran chaplain for the Scout Jamboree and Chaplain Piepkorn will preside at the Lutheran service on Sunday, July 2nd.

Pro Deo et Patria Award. This Award will be limited in the future to Scouts and Explorers, and applications that are pending from scouters and adult leaders will be processed in the order they are received, provided however, that no further applications from adults will be received after **September 1, 1950.**

Recognition Award. A committee has been appointed to bring in recommendations for a special award for active scouters and adult Boy Scout workers. It is expected that this Award will be distinctively Lutheran and awarded on an annual basis. The proposed Award will probably be patterned after a similar award which the local Scout Councils present to outstanding scouters each year. The following members of the National Committee were appointed to serve as a committee to review the applications for the **Pro Deo et Patria Award:** A. O. J. Baumann, Rev. Gordon C. Bergin, Loren Ness, Dean Goodrich, Rev. H. F. Schweigert, and Alden G. Nelson.

New Scouting Manual. The Committee on Publications was authorized to prepare a revision of the **"Scouting in the Lutheran Church"** manual. Inserts containing changes that will be incorporated in the new manual will be furnished for insertion in the manuals which are now in stock in the various scouting

headquarters.

Scout Chaplains. Mr. Loren Ness, Chairman of the Chaplaincy Program, submitted a report entitled "Training Program Readies Chaplains for Scout Camps". He called attention to the fact that 26 Boy Scout camps will be served by our chaplains this summer. These chaplains are recruited from our Lutheran Seminaries and undergo a special training course before they are accepted for this service.

Presentation Service. The Committee is deeply concerned about the haphazard manner in which the **Pro Deo et Patria Award** has been conferred by some of our Lutheran churches. The preparation of a uniform **Pro Deo et Patria** presentation ceremony has been referred to the Committee on Publications, and this suggested service should be available at an early date. The Committee also recommended that in the future any presentation of the **Pro Deo et Patria Award** outside the local church shall be regarded purely as an unofficial recognition, and that the official presentation to the Scout who has earned the Award should be made in the local church only.

Pocket Scouting Card. The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods Convention at Fargo last November approved the suggestion that a pocket size card containing the head of Christ, with a proper Scouting insignia, be prepared as soon as possible. The Committee on Publication reported that it expects to have samples of various paintings to submit at the next meeting of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

Scout Survey. Mr. S. H. Holstad, Director of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting, was requested to prepare an up-to-date list of all congregational scout troops and cub packs. This list will include all of the ULCA congregations which are now sponsoring any official Boy Scout units.

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U.L.C.A. Boy Scout Notes

The annual meeting of the ULCA Brotherhood Boy Scout Committee will be held on Friday evening, July 7th, at Brotherhood Headquarters, Bethlehem, Penna.

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The Biennial Boy Scout Conference, which will include all of the Synodical and Conference Directors and Committeemen, as well as the national Boy Scout officers, will be held at the Hotel Montrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Saturday, September 30, 1950.

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The program for the 17th Biennial Convention of the ULCA Brotherhood, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, next October, will include a mass presentation of the **Pro Deo et Patria Award** to qualified Boy Scouts and Explorers. We expect to announce very shortly the national Boy Scout official who will present these Awards. It is highly important that our pastors and scoutmasters who have Boy Scout troops in the Midwestern territory prepare to have their eligible scouts apply for this cherished award and complete their requirements by the time of our Convention.

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utheran Men In Bible Study Classes . .

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eating the ummer Slump

Every leader dreads the summer t-down. But too few do anything out it. July is a late hour to be lking about this problem, but not o late. Some things can yet be ne. But, essentially, plans ought to made well in advance, in order prevent decline of attendance d activity.

The Slump

Warmer weather tends to slow us wn, at the same time that the outors offers an enticing invitation to me out and play. Everyone loves e beauties of nature which reveal us

Sermons in stones,
Books in the running brooks,
And good in everything.

t everything needs to be kept in lance.

Vacations do us all a lot of good. t poor planning and carelessness y keep us out of our accustomed ces in the class and church serces. Weekend trips, fine as they h be, may do the same thing. hat we need is to take advantage all the good things in the summer son and avoid falling into a lazy, y-going neglect of spiritual ings.

Prevention and Cure

We are interested in both prevention and cure of summer-born ills. The same measures are good for both.

Our class sessions can and ought to be made interesting and bright—even more so than usual. Different lessons and different methods may well be used. Visual aids, panel discussions, dramatization, and deputations will help.

Intensified personal visitation will help both the visitor and those called upon. Visits are a pleasant and enlightening diversion of the caller, but they may also give a needed inspiration and new viewpoint to the receivers.

Class picnics will be in harmony with the season, provide needed fellowship, furnish recreation, and offer the opportunity for outdoor worship. Such free association may build friendships, reveal new acquaintances, and thus make the Sunday class sessions a greater attractive power.

Class rooms ought to be made as attractive as possible—homelike, if possible. Ventilation is not to be neglected—sanctified air from the previous Sunday may have a detrimental influence.

We can make vacation seasons the occasions of much good.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

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Topic for August, 1950

Other Sheep I Have

by the REV. FRED J. FIEDLER, D.D.

Editorial Committee

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Fred J. Fiedler, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, was a missionary to India, 1921-29; pastor of a parish in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, 1930-39; and superintendent and pastor of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Reading, Pennsylvania, 1939-45. He was educated at Muhlenberg College, the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary, and the University of Pennsylvania. He received the M.A. degree from the University in 1921, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Muhlenberg College in 1944. After his return from India he became Chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, served as a member of the Board of Directors of Muhlenberg College, was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, and later was called to be one of its secretaries. He is the author of the "Uncle Missionary Letters" used in many Sunday schools, and a mission study book, "Then the Light Came," published for the Centennial Year of the India Mission in 1942. He is at present Secretary of Literature, Secretary for Liberia, and Editor of "The Foreign Missionary", published by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

AIM: To visualize our fellow Christians across the world, and know their progress and their needs; to see the prospects of growth in the new young churches in foreign fields and recognize our own responsibilities and opportunities as co-workers with our Lord in winning all the world for Him.

NOTE: This topic definitely deals with orphan missions A discussion of this subject ought awaken each Brotherhood member to a deep interest in the missions of his church, and to desire to make such interest effective in the missionary program of his own local congregation

Worship

HYMN, "Hasten, Lord, the Glorious Time"—No. 227 C.S.B., or No. 157 P.S.H.
SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:8-17
PRAYER: Collects No. 52 and No. 54 C.S.B.
SPECIAL MUSIC
HYMN, "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"—No. 224 C.S.B., or No. 160 P.S.H.

The Topic

The screaming fury of war in Europe did not stop at the borders of the countries involved. It leaped over mountains, oceans, and continents to bring the sudden shock of disaster to the most innocent and unoffending people. Christian missionaries, God's ambassadors of peace and goodwill, and native Christian workers in the widespread vineyards of our Lord, were rendered helpless and destitute. This happened

cause, with the swift seizure of con-
l of all resources by the aggressive
r powers, no goods, money, or peo-
could be sent by the mission boards
Europe to their foreign mission sta-
ns scattered across the face of the
be. Missionary societies and church-
in Germany, Denmark, Norway,
land, and, to some extent, Sweden
ll were suddenly thrown completely
of contact with their missions and
ssionary personnel in Africa, the
ar East, the Orient, and the islands
the Pacific. Missionaries and mis-
ns were completely cut off from their
me boards and their home folks.
ey were *orphaned*. They represented
new kind of destitution, the destitu-
n of missions without support.

How could missionaries continue to
without receiving their maintenance from their home boards? How could national workers continue to be aided from the mother churches in Europe to supplement the still feeble self-support of the younger churches in mission areas? How could hospitals and schools and other useful institutions carry on their work without the regular subsidies which the generous interest of Christians of the European churches hitherto provided? A total of 20,000 Christians and 1,800 missionaries in fifty foreign mission fields were involved in this dilemma. When, to this situation, was added the internment of many missionaries, the lack of manpower for the operation of many mission activities became the last straw, mighty enough to tip the heavy burden of need into complete collapse—if help were not found.

Co-operative Effort Helped

The mighty efforts of Lutheran World Action became effective almost at once. Stranded missionaries in far away places, wondering which way to turn, were miraculously relieved at receiving the sudden word that funds were being provided for them by fellow Lutherans in America. They could remain at their work. They could retain their native helpers. Their precious labors for the winning of the multitudes and the building of the church could proceed without serious curtailment. Orphaned missions were not friendless. The Lord had provided in his own natural way, by the gifts of men—sympathy, kindness, generosity, loyalty. The King of Norway, a refugee in England, contributed $500,000 for Norway's stranded missions and missionaries. This was a tremendous lift in that first year of Lutheran effort in America to supply funds to orphaned missions. From the millions gathered for Lutheran World Action, some was allotted each year to orphaned missions — in 1948, $825,000; in 1949, $750,000.

Several interesting examples of the way orphaned missions have been cared for may be briefly described. In Tanganyika, East Africa, there were three German missionary societies at work on five fields in various parts of that country. Their missionaries were interned. Two Swedish mission societies, with personnel in adjacent areas, took over two of those five fields. Responsibility for the other three fields was assumed by the National Lutheran Council which furnished the financial support. The Augustana Lutheran

Church, co-operating with the National Lutheran Council, began operating these fields, leasing the property from the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property (British). Because the return of German missionaries has appeared very uncertain, a movement has been fostered to promote self-government for the Lutheran Churches in Tanganyika through the organization of the national church in that country. A phenomenal growth in the number of Christians is shown in the increase for all missions of Tanganyika from 112,000 in 1941, to 172,000 in 1948.

In China, orphaned missions were assisted in various ways. Not only was financial help given to continue the work, but an airplane, the "St. Paul," purchased from U.S. Army surplus, was used to carry supplies of food, medicines, and Christian literature, and to evacuate missionaries located in threatened and dangerous areas.

In Indonesia, after World War II, because of the entanglements of civil war, it was difficult to establish contact with the Lutheran Church because a white person could not be admitted. Finally Lutheran World A tion called upon a national medic doctor in India. He is an Indian Chr tian, and a member of the Luther Church. He has gained the comple confidence of the Bataks in Sumatr among whom he has been working. H opened the way for the coming of D Schiotz, Secretary for the Commissio of Younger Churches and Orphans Missions of the National Luther Council, and the Right Rev. J. Sand gren, Bishop of Tranquebar, Indi chairman of the Batak Committee the Federation of Evangelical Luther Churches in India. The mention these two organizations indicates t widespread co-operation of Luthera in all lands in the effort to assist fello believers stricken by the misfortun which befell them through post-w confusion. The two emissaries of worl Lutheranism from America and Indi were happily received by the Batak They met with the officials of th strong Batak Lutheran Church of 500 000 members. That church is self-su porting, but needs help with literatur Bibles, hymn books, and other Chri

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tion publications; with personnel; and with funds to restore war damage. The Batak Church will probably become a member of the Lutheran World Federation in the near future.

Unfinished Tasks Remain

The need of orphaned missions was not relieved with the close of the war, nor is it relieved even today. European countries are still burdened with war's devastation and the lack of money and men. For a long time to come orphaned missions will still be without the financial aid of the churches which brought them into being. Norway, Sweden, and Denmark have resumed their war-severed relations, but Germany and Finland are still unable to renew their missionary sponsorship. It will take time to restore buildings and equipment destroyed in New Guinea, China, and Indonesia. But there are problems even harder than restoring property. In China the success of the communists in the civil war has caused the abandonment of some fields and the withdrawal of personnel. Resources have had to be combined and personnel sent to other fields of service. In Palestine the fighting between Jews and Arabs has caused confusion in mission work, and has resulted in the seizure of mission property and the destruction of some of it. Besides this, many problems have arisen in the care and disposition of hundreds of thousands of refugees. Persistence and determination are needed for the recovery of mission property to its rightful owners. In India and South Africa as well as in the other areas mentioned, financial aid is needed for the new younger churches not yet able to maintain themselves.

Orphaned missions will be orpha no longer if they realize any one these three objectives: (1) renewal contacts with mission societies in th homeland; (2) finding of new pare mission societies in Lutheran Church in other lands; (3) attainment of se support and independence.

Co-operation in America Succeed

Through the National Luthera Council, Lutherans in America ha co-operated in a good fraternal spi in maintaining orphaned missions. E ery year some part of the funds raise for Lutheran World Action has bee designated for orphaned missions. Sin 1939, $3,500,000 has been allocate for this purpose out of these fund Every mission station in the world is strategic unit for increasing the dem cratic way of life today. Every Chri tian mission is an ally, and the orpha ed missions represent a great propo tion of the total mission work. Missio aries of churches in the National Lut eran Council number 532, Christia in our mission areas number 316,65 and the estimated property values a $4,512,887. But for the orphaned mi sions (German and Finnish) the fi ures are: missionaries, 682, membe 1,133,668, property values $4 000,000.

The Augustana Lutheran Chur and the United Lutheran Church America co-operate in mission work India, as do also the American Luth an Church and the United Evangelic Lutheran Church. The United Evang lical Lutheran Church and the Unit Lutheran Church in America work t

er in Japan. The Lutheran Feder-
n in India is composed of churches
sored by various boards in Europe
America, and is thus an example
Lutheran co-operation. About a
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ionary enterprise, and they also
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erica.

What Can We Do?

Sponsor the Lutheran World Ac-
appeal in our church.

During the period when the Luth-
World Action Appeal is before
church we can conduct a brief ser-
of prayer in our Brotherhod meet-
with orphaned missions as the par-
ar subject of this prayer.

Seek to hold at least one joint
ing each year with the Women's
ionary Society on the subject of
ions, with or without special em-
is on orphaned missions.

Invite a missionary of our church
peak to the Brotherhood about his
on the foreign field. Make this an
meeting for members and friends.

Take steps to express our interest
Brotherhood, or as an individual
ber of a Brotherhood, in the mis-
ry program of our church.

Seek to have a missionary Sunday
month in our Sunday school,
a missionary emphasis in the
ing worship period — a missionary
n, a missionary prayer, and a four-
e-minute story about missions.

Sponsor some special missionary
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the congregation undertake a mis-
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Foreign Missions will advise you on this subject.) Such projects are available at $50 to $1000 or more a year.

8. Undertake the support — or partial support — of a Christian student who is from a mission field and who is now studying in America. This can be done through your own Board of Foreign Missions.

Questions for Discussion

1. Has the plight of orphaned missions improved much since the end of the war? How?

2. What does this topic seem to prove in view of the much-used statement that man's adversity is God's opportunity?

3. Would you say that the recent war was one of the instruments in God's hands that has helped to united Christendom the world over?

4. What has the recent communist conquest in China done to the mission situation there?

5. How much has our local congregation done to further the advance of missions, orphaned and otherwise, in the last five years?

6. How does the answer to the above question reflect on our missionary zeal here at home? Have we done all we could do, or must we admit our failure and pray God grant us more vision and zeal for his missionary program in the future?

7. What can we, as men of the Brotherhood, do NOW to help meet our Christian obligations to fellow Christians the world over?

Closing Worship

HYMN, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"—
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PRAYER, including the Lord's Prayer
BENEDICTION
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Christian Stewardship

(*Projects for the September Mee*

1. Distribute to members of Brotherhood one stewardship tract week for four weeks prior to the tember meeting. These may be o ed from your church stewardship

2. Have individuals gather fac graphic presentation on the foll subjects: (a) the range and av of pledges in support of current e ses and benevolences; (b) the p tion of giving for current expense benevolences as compared with ideal of giving half for local work for wider work; (c) comparison o present level of giving with the of proportionate giving and tithin

3. Prepare a study of proporti giving and tithing. The stewardshi fice will provide and suggest help

4. Start a "circulating library such stewardship books as *Steward in the New Testament Church* Holmes Rolston (Knox Press); *ever You Do,* by Clarence C. St ton (Muhlenberg Press); and *Ch Emptor,* by T. F. Gullixon (A burg).

5. Make a survey of audio-v aids available for stewardship p tion, and make arrangements to some of them.

6. Assign individuals to prepare present five-minute talks on (1) Basis of Christian Stewardship; God is Owner; (3) Practicing C tian Stewardship Today.

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ing more of an unrelenting effort
ut Christianity back into every-
life. In order to encourage and
lenge every Brotherhood mem-
o be a witness and crusader for
st, a recommendation was
ted exhorting and pledging all
bers to make every possible ef-
to have every meeting of civic,
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ons.

eat concern was also expressed
the increasing tension between
various economic groups in the
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h prominent leaders from all
s of our economic life should
part to discuss and clarify these
ng issues and to find a way of
harmonious living based on
tian principles.

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ention were addresses by the
Frederick R. Knubel, D.D., pres-
of the New York Synod; Mr.
y Beisler, LL.D., treasurer of the
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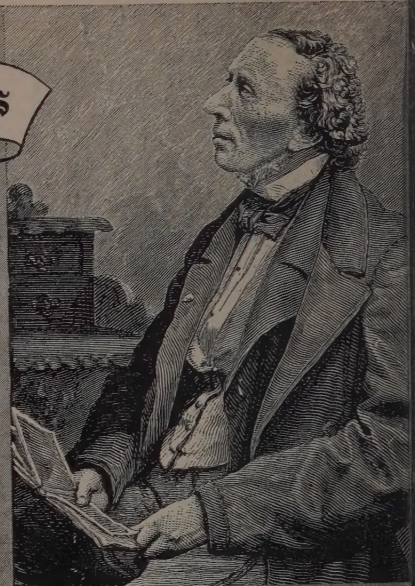

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